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Box PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.
Our Ref: 381AS/50958

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Kazuhiko HANAWA

entitled: SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS HAVING A PLURALITY OF
MICROCOMPUTERS AND A SHARED ROM

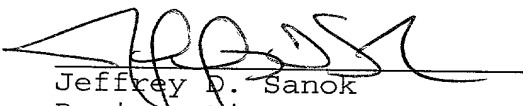
Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including 12 claims (pages 1-29).
2. 6 Sheets of formal drawings showing Figs. 1-3, 4a-4b, 5-6
3. X Declaration and Power of Attorney (**executed**).
4. Assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd. ✓
5. Certified copy of Priority Document 2001-220941 filed in Japan on July 23, 2001, the priority of which is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55.
6. X Information Disclosure Statement w/ 1 reference.
7. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Fee				\$370/740 =	\$740.00
Total Claims	<u>12</u>	- 20 =		x \$ 9/18 =	\$
Independent Claims	<u>2</u>	- 3 =		x \$42/84 =	\$
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented				\$140/280 =	\$
Total Filing Fee					<u>\$740.00</u>

Two checks in the amount of \$740.00 for the filing fee and \$40.00 for the assignment recording fee are enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #381AS/50958). A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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